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1922 WHEAT CROP 810,123,000 BUSHELS

Washington.—Estimates for the wheat crop as of October 1st were placed at 810,123,000 bushels by the Department of Agriculture today. Other estimates follow: Winter wheat 541,809,000 bushels; spring wheat 268,314,000 bushels; corn 2,843,999,000 bushels; oats 1,229,774,000 bushels. The condition of the corn crop was estimated at 78.4 per cent. Other condition estimates were not made. Estimates on the yield per acre of all wheat were placed at 14.3 bushels winter wheat 14.2; spring wheat 14.4; corn 27.6 and oats 29.4.

JUDGES OF ELECTION

Ordered by the court that the following named persons be selected to serve as Judges of Election in and to the following named townships at the general election, to be held at the regular polling places in this county, on Tuesday, November 7, 1922:

Bee Branch Township, No. 1.—W. J. Billiter, Abe Lain, Frank Dodge, Ernest Porter, F. F. Harmon, C. W. Brewer.

Bee Branch Township, No. 2.—J. P. Wayland, Steve Gibson, Tobie Shoemaker, Leonard Hepworth, Dennis Sharp, C. W. Miller.

Bowling Green Township.—Miss Nita Bayne, A. N. Harding, T. H. Carlsdon, E. L. Bitter, W. C. Brant, Louis Miller.

Brunswick Township, No. 1.—Eva Foggins, Wm. Watkins, Arthur Padgett, C. E. Stewart, Louis Paul, Alma Sasse.

Brunswick Township, No. 2.—W. S. Callahan, Dave Mauney, Mrs. Jno. Sowers, Jno. Bulek, Wm. Arp, Max Rohwedder.

Chariton Township.—Sam Hurt, Mrs. Wm. F. Bentley, Ernest Moore, Wm. Temple, Roy Young, Henry Rohwer.

Clark Township.—C. O. Fawke, Judith Thomas, Mathew Clark, S. W. McConnell, Henry Skider, Kirk Gandy.

Cockrell Township.—Jim Berner, Lee Gunn, R. G. Stark, Clarence McCurry, Bert Smith, Miss Annie Henderson.

Cunningham Township.—R. S. Hardesty, G. A. Southern, Mrs. C. M. Hopper, E. H. Stoner.

Keytesville Township, No. 1.—Jno. D. Taylor, Miss Edith Brown, R. N. Emerson, W. D. Richards, N. E. Ray, Geo. Dean, J. E. Mitchell.

Keytesville Township, No. 2.—G. W. Huchaby, Mrs. L. D. Mason, T. P. Woods, Jr., Paul Kistler, C. E. Edwards, Mrs. J. C. Jenkins.

Mendon Township.—Mrs. Arthur Elliott, Clarence Hayes, L. H. Stewart, Chas. Felt, A. A. Taylor, L. Chapman.

Missouri Township.—J. P. Gell, H. W. Fleming, Walter Richardson, Geo. Young, W. G. Dickson, J. B. Brucks.

Musselfork Township, No. 1.—Mrs. Cleve Cavanaugh, John Welch, Governor C. Laird, W. L. Lyons, S. M. Porter, G. H. Taylor.

Musselfork Township, No. 2.—Joe Walter, Thos. Graves, Sr., J. W. Robinson, Will Smith, E. B. Young, H. L. Cowser.

Salisbury Township, No. 1.—Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Gray Wright, W. E. Skinner, W. D. Stevens, Wm. H. Neff, Mrs. Mable Tudor.

Salisbury Township, No. 2.—Miss Anna Bell Brumhall, Geo. W. Welker, Fred Hayes, Mrs. Flora Sweeney, R. A. Behrig, Wm. Heiman.

Salt Creek Township.—Harry Obetz, Vince Gladback, Emma Manlove, P. L. Buck, R. A. Partch, Mrs. Cora Smith.

Triplet Township, No. 1.—A. L. Wood, C. E. Fleetwood, J. A. Tryman, A. O. Green, O. E. Crawford, A. Gangloff.

Triplet Township, No. 2.—C. A. Clarkson, C. A. Robertson, Murley Smith, P. A. Summer, Theo. Persyn, J. E. Tyler.

Wayland Township.—Mrs. F. P. Twyman, Geo. T. Wright, Lee Hocker, Geo. Thomas, Robert Wright, Wm. Conrad.

Yellow Creek Township.—Wm. Holman, Mrs. H. H. Miller, S. A. Richeson, Arthur Demerest, Mrs. J. F. Cameron, Lee Cameron.

BAND DIRECTOR LEAVES MARCELINE

Frank Strayhall, who has been director and guiding force of the Marcelline concert band for the past twenty years or more, has left Marcelline, perhaps permanently.

In company with his brother-in-law Wendell Thome, he went Monday to Clinton, Indiana, where he has a position in the mines and also will be solo cornet player in the band at that place.

He has had the move under consideration for sometime, and knows something of the locality to which he has gone. On account of the uncertain manner in which the work at the mine of the Marcelline Coal Co., has been progressing he was unable to longer remain in Marcelline unless more steady work was offered.

This city will miss Frank Strayhall. He has been a leading figure in musical circles, and it is his personality and progressiveness which has held together and made the Marcelline band known far and wide. So far as this paper is concerned, we shall miss him very much, and can only hope that the strong personal friendship which is felt for him may long continue no matter where he may locate.

Mr. Strayhall's family will for the present remain in Marcelline.—Marcelline Herald.

Rev. Frank A. Andrews of Marysville, Mo., will preach at the Christian church next Monday night, Oct. 30. Everyone cordially invited, and the men especially are requested to be present.

MARCELINE, BUILT OVER COAL MINES UNDERBID

What the city is going to pay for coal is just now a much discussed question at council meetings. It seems that during the coal strike the city was supplied with coal for the plant by the Marcelline Coal and Mining company at a price of \$4.50 a ton, delivered. After the strike was over, the price of the same coal to the city was raised to \$6.50 a ton, with a switching charge of 17 cents a ton additional, or \$5.67 a ton.

Now comes the Star Coal company of Beaver, and offers to furnish coal for the use of the plant at \$3.50 at the mine, with a freight charge of \$1.34 a ton, making the laid down price in Marcelline \$4.84, or screened coal for \$4.50, with the \$1.34 freight charge.

It therefore appears that the Beaver coal is offered cheaper than the home product. Why this is so is not stated, but the fuel committee are now negotiating with the local company to see if some arrangement cannot be made so that home coal may be used.—Marcelline Herald.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Alec Taylor was hostess to the Almeria Miller club last Thursday afternoon. There were several guests in addition to the members. The ladies spent the afternoon in conversation and some brought along their needlework and a very pleasant afternoon was had by the guests. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Warren Elliott entertained the Thursday Club at her home Saturday night. There were eight tables at forty-two. Prizes were given those making the highest number of points and Mrs. John Michael won the club prize and Mrs. James Rucker the guest prize. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. M. B. Hunt entertained a few friends last Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Marcellus Hunt of Quincy, Ill. The afternoon was spent in conversation and at the appropriate hour delicious refreshments were served.

JOSEPH RILEY, SR.

The community was shocked Tuesday by the death of Joseph Riley, Sr., at his home near this city. Mr. Riley has been a resident of Chariton County for years, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He sustained a stroke of paralysis, Sunday, and death followed, Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted at St. Bonaventure's Church at 9:00 a. m., Thursday, by Rev. P. J. Cullen. Interment was at Mt. Kilward. He was 64 years, 7 months and 13 days old, and is mourned by a widow and three children, Joseph Riley, Jr., Earl Riley and Mrs. Richard Shull, of Mendon.—Marcelline Journal-Mirror.

TRIED TO BEAT TRAIN OVER KIRKSVILLE CROSS- ING FRIDAY EVENING

Roy Omer, a young man of twenty years, living at Kirksville, had a close call Friday evening when he tried to beat a Wabash freight across the Franklin street track. Omer was driving a Nash car. Train No. 70 was dropping out some cars when the accident happened. Witnesses say the crossing bell was ringing and that Conductor J. F. Castle, who saw Omer, yelled for him to stop, but he kept on, thinking he could beat the train. The car was demolished, but Omer was not seriously hurt.—Moberly Democrat.

NEW FLOUR MILL IN TOWN

G. W. Plummer & Sons and N. E. Clute are installing a new up-to-date fifteen barrel flour mill in their building just off of Main street. This mill is right up to the minute and will put out as good flour as is milled anywhere. The firm will make both hard and soft wheat flour. Just as soon as a few more parts for the mill come, they will begin milling flour.

G. W. Plummer is an experienced miller; his father was a miller and he was raised up in a mill. The mill is not starting with green hands but in the hands of a competent miller, who will make flour that will please all from the start. In connection with the flour mill they will grind meal and feed as in the past.

This is a good thing for this community. It will give a good outlet for the wheat grain here, not only in large but small lots. This will permit Hale to buy their flour at home at a great saving. It is a home institution that will help the whole community and deserves the support of all.—Hale Hustler-Leader.

A WARNING

A Man, who would not take his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a live of bees and in ten minutes he looked like a warty squaw. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, failing to note a barbed wire fence which he ran into, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, and ruining a \$5 pair of pants. The cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn. Hearing the racket, his wife ran out, up-setting a four gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens and drowned them. In her haste she lost a \$17 set of teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the cream into the parlor and ruined a brand new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven settings of eggs, and the calves chased the tails off four night shirts. "Cheaper by far to have the paper delivered," says a South Dakota news paper.

ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND NECESSARY

Theodore Gary, chairman of the State Highway Commission, this week gave out the following statement:

"If the proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3, which provides for using the portion of the automobile license fees not required for the sinking fund and interest for the \$60,000,000 bond issue, is carried at the election on November 7, careful calculations disclose that there will be available for maintenance of the state road system approximately \$1,000,000 a year for the next two years from money now on hand or to be collected under existing laws. It will however, be necessary for the Legislature to set aside by appropriation these funds after the amendment carries.

"If these funds are provided, the State Highway Commission will immediately take over and maintain by the patrol method the entire state highway system comprising approximately 7,600 miles. This will give an average of \$120 per mile per year to use in maintaining the state road system, including the portion that has not been constructed, as well as the 1,000 miles of this system that have been completed. It is estimated that this amount will be sufficient for the next two years without increasing the present motor license fees.

"There is now in the state treasury \$4,335,000 in excess of the money derived from the recent sale of state road bonds. The commission has made allotments and has awarded contracts under the provisions of the Morgan-McCullough law for over \$5,250,000 of this amount. This leaves approximately \$1,000,000 immediately available for maintenance if the proposed constitutional amendment carries and the proper legislative action is taken. The Legislature will be requested to appropriate for maintenance purposes for the next two years this \$1,000,000, together with approximately an additional \$1,000,000 which it is estimated will be derived from automobile license fees in excess of that required to take care of the bond issue.

ODD FELLOWS ASSOCIATION HERE LAST WEDNESDAY

About one thousand Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Chariton County were here last Wednesday in attendance at the County Association. The morning session was delayed on account of some of the delegates failing to arrive until noon. At one o'clock the meeting was called to order and new officers for next year were elected. The place of the 1923 meeting was also decided and everyone is looking forward to a big time at Musselfork next fall.

The Keytesville band entertained the crowd with several selections of popular music and headed the parade of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to the court house about two thirty o'clock. There were several good addresses made by local Odd Fellows and Mrs. Hickerson of Salisbury and Mrs. Mai Hughes of Bucklin made one of the best talks ever heard at an association. Mrs. Hughes is past president of the Rebekah Assembly and is known as "mother" by most of the Rebekah lodges of this country since she has instituted lodges all over this district. Her talk was much appreciated by those present.

There were delegates present from every lodge in the county and a large crowd from Marcelline attended also. Dinner and supper was served by the Rebekahs and there was plenty for all so none went away hungry. If you don't believe it ask some one who was served by the Rebekahs.

The lodges put on initiation work in the evening and the Odd Fellows were assisted by the Brunswick degree staff and Rebekahs favored by the Salisbury degree team.

After the conclusion of all business sandwiches and coffee were served the large crowd and a social period enjoyed.

These meetings are eagerly looked forward to by the members from year to year and everyone present here last Wednesday seemed to enjoy the day.

THE SHRINKING EARTH

When Columbus went sailing, folks thought he was sailing, they said: "Something's wrong with his; he will not find a landing for ships; he's commanding, but sail over Earth's border, instead." For men then had scant notions of islands or oceans, and their maps of the countries were queer. Earth was flat, they insisted, and stoutly resisted the folly that called it a sphere. Though today 'twould amaze you the people in Asia knew nothing of folks in Peru; races stayed in their corners like little Jack Horner and said corner was all that they knew. But in spite of contentions, their countless inventions have conquered the sea and the air; while men's foreheads grow taller, the Earth's getting smaller, as they cut down the miles here and there. When Columbus went sailing, folks said: "He'll be falling and his ships will fall off into space!" Now, men laugh at such folly and declare that it's folly to go up in the air for a race. But the best of inventions to shrink Earth's dimensions and to burn up the distance like chaff, is the latest in wireless, so clever and tireless, the busy young radiograph! It has cut down the hours between foreign powers, brought cheer to the loneliest souls; it has made people neighbors in laughter and labors, though they far apart as the poles. In the youth of our planet, wise old chaps used to say: "I, exclaiming in wonder and awe; but through ages of thinking they've kept the old Earth shrinking, till today it's the size of a towel!"—By Allie Michels.

THAT KEYTESVILLE- GLASGOW ROAD

Keytesville live ones are commencing to go out after business, and they know that the thing that gets business is good roads. This Keytesville-Glasgow road has been sadly in need of repair for several moons, and at a recent meeting of the local community club it was resolved to go out and do some work that would show the natives in that part of the county that we have not all died "aborning."

To that end some 15 men left town last Thursday and proceeded to cut brush that has been in the way of road improvement. The natives in that part catching on to the spirit of the affair got out their teams and showed that they were alive to the proposition of better roads also.

One day, however, could not do all the work needed and so on Wednesday of this week another bunch of progressive live ones decorated the roads with their presence, and quite a bunch of teams from that vicinity were hand to do a bit of grading work.

The result is that the road is now in first class condition, and everyone feels better about this particular place.

Lunch was served at the home of John Stevenson and a picnic dinner was held at Albert Fetzer's grove, the estate being furnished by the people of that neighborhood.

Milt Bennett was there and it is reported that Chris Carlstead and Milt had quite an argument as to who was to take charge of the work. Robt. Hurt, ex-sheriff had an idea that he ought to be one of the supervisors and finally a court of debate was instituted in which Jess Richardson was chosen as referee. It was about this time that Frank Hill shied his hat into the ring and calmly stated that if the whole bunch didn't quit arguing and commence to do some real work he was going back to town. It remained for Oren Mackie to straighten up the gang and he very quietly stated that they had all come down to show the natives what a good bunch of workers they were and it was up to all to let their past records of achievements fall for the nonce and get busy. Oren won and the matter was allowed to drop and the work proceeded much to the wonderment and pleasure of the spectators.

This is said to be but the beginning of other little parties that are being considered by the Community Club for the cause of good roads and future orders from this body are being awaited with "fear and trembling."

C. H. OWEN'S FATHER DIES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. C. H. Owen and family received word last week of the death of Mr. Owen's father, Mr. S. W. Owen which occurred at the home of his son, Elmer Owen, in Oklahoma City, on Saturday, October 7.

Mr. Owen was a veteran of the Civil War, and was about 94 years old. He is survived by three sons, C. H. of Brunswick; Elmer, of Oklahoma City, and Sherman, of South Dakota, and two daughters, Mrs. Viola Fick, of Concordia, Kansas, and Mrs. Libbie Shaw, of Illinois.—Brunswick.

TO GEN. STERLING PRICE HOME CAMP U. C. V.

The following order has been issued by Maj. Gen. W. J. Bronaugh, Commander of all Confederate Veterans' of Missouri:

United Confederate Veterans' 26th Annual Reunion of the Missouri Division will be in Kansas City Oct. 30 and 31, 1922. Assemble at Jack O'Leary Hall Main street & Westport avenue at 10 o'clock A. M., the 30th.

W. C. Bronaugh, Commander, Archibald A. Pearson Adj. Very respectfully, Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor.

ROBERTS QUILTS AS COUNTY AGENT

Asbury Roberts, Saline's county agent for the last three and a half years, handed his resignation Saturday to the executive board of the Saline County Farm Bureau. The resignation is effective in sixty days, which is according to his contract with the Farm Bureau. Mr. Roberts resigns to become manager of the Ohio Poultry Yard and Hatchery Co., which, under construction on which is now under way on North Allen avenue.

Mr. Roberts started his work here as county agent April 24, 1919. The ink was hardly dry on his discharge from the Thirty-fifth Division, in which he held a commission as captain throughout America's participation in the World War, when Mr. Roberts put aside the uniform and donned the civilian garb of the county agent.—Democrat News.

FIVE TRAGEDIES

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his automobile was empty. It wasn't.

A man patted a strange bull-dog on the head to see if the critter was affectionate. It wasn't.

A man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't.

A man touched a trolley wire to see if it was charged. It was.

A man cut out his advertising to see if he could save money. He didn't.—Selected.

Carrollton.—Announcement has been made here that the federal government has approved the preliminary plans for the bridge at Waverly. The contract will be let about December 1.

Try Courier Wants Ads.—It pays

KEYTESVILLE SCHOOLS WIN AND LOSE

Last Friday the basket ball teams of boys and girls from Mendon came down here for the express purpose of annexing a couple of scalps on the basket ball court of the Keytesville players.

Just a sprinkling of the Keytesville folks were on hand to help their team win and those who did turn out had the pleasure of seeing the boys win—the girls went down to defeat to the tune of 14 to 22, the Mendon girls had their numbers, goats and also the mascot, and they went home feeling sorry for their opponents.

The Keytesville boys, however, had their shootin' eyes with them and it was no trouble for them to shoot a basket almost whenever they took a notion. It was a surprising reversal of form from the last public showing on the local court, and those present wondered just how they were beaten in the former game.

The boys showed some real pep, especially in the latter part of the last half when Mendon showed signs of doing some real work. Their effort, however was only a flash in the pan and they soon became tame with the continual fast work shown by the local team.

The boys' line up follows: Ely Gordon, f.; Geo. Keating, f.; Albert Knight, c.; John Garnett, g.; Dick Nohl, g.

The girls, Zoa Arrington, f.; Irene Carter, f.; Charlie Wright, j. c.; Edna Johnson, r. c.; Dorothy Richardson, g.; Sue Garnett, g.; Iris Sleyter, g.

Now just a word about school athletic support. It takes a bit of ready cash to get the different school teams here for the different contests and the team is entitled to support.

When the next game is pulled off here let's show the youngsters that we appreciate their work by being present to help them win. Sideline friends help win games. If you have ever noticed teams that have a long string of victories at home are always teams that are well supported in their home towns.

BOOSTERS BACK PROPOSAL FOR ROAD UPKEEP

Jefferson City.—An active campaign is being made by road boosters in behalf of amendment No. 3, which will be voted on November 7, to provide maintenance for the state-wide system of roads.

The amendment provides that the maintenance shall be derived from the motor vehicle license fund.

A sufficient amount of the automobile license fees shall stand appropriated for the payment for the principle and interest of any state road bonds, under the provisions of the amendment, and the remainder of the funds less the cost of maintaining the state highway department shall be used in road and bridge construction and maintenance of roads in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

The organization forces which worked so effectively for the adoption of amendment No. 6 in 1920, authorized the issuance of the \$60,000,000 road bond issue, is giving its support to the maintenance amendment.

The state highway commission has issued an appeal to the voters to adopt the amendment in order that there will be funds for the maintenance of the roads after their construction.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT BUCKLIN

Bucklin was the victim of a most destructive fire Friday.

The large grocery store, composed of three rooms, operated by Ed Wickland, and a blacksmith shop belonging to George Smith, were completely destroyed.

The origin of the fire has not been learned nor whether the loss was covered by insurance.

A building that occupied the same lot was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

PURE BRED BOARS INCREASE PROFITS

By Joe Haag, Asst. Sec'y. National Duroc Jersey Record Association. Farmers engaged in the breeding and feeding of hogs are in the business, principally for the profit that is to be made by marketing grains and pasturage produced on the farm through the medium of hogs. As the saying is, "The end of every hog is the pork barrel." In order to make the feeding of hogs profitable, the farmer must have a hog that has constitutional vigor, that reproduces rapidly and in great numbers, that feeds economically and matures early and that will breed uniformly in type, conformation and color. In addition to this, an ideal market hog must have smoothness and quality, show evenness from end to end and take on the finish that appeals to the eye of the critical buyer. The profitable market hog has a capacity for the assimilation of grains, rough feeds and pasture, turning them into high priced pork. He is a hog that, under any and all conditions on the average farm, will make good.

While the qualifications above mentioned may obtain to some extent in grade hogs or hogs of mixed breeding still they would be more general and more definitely established in pure bred sires displaced scrub boars. The pure bred boar has been bred for generations for uniformity, early maturity and easy feeding qualities. Being prepotent he will transmit these good characteristics to his pigs thus increasing the general efficiency of the market stock. Going to market earlier with finish and quality inherited from the boar—these pigs will bring the top prices. This returns the farmer more money for his time and labor and for the grains and grasses produced on the farm.

STATE MAY LOSE ITS FEDERAL AID

The Federal law appropriating funds to aid in road building has provision which requires all roads in first class condition. In case roads or bridges which are built with aid from the federal government, are not maintained in a first class condition the federal government will step in and make the needed repairs, deduct the cost from Federal Aid still due the state, and will forever withhold Federal Aid from that State until State maintains said roads and bridges in a first class condition.

Missouri, at the present time, has no adequate funds nor any provision for raising adequate funds to maintain these roads after constructed. Constitutional Amendment No. 3, which is now before the people to be voted on November 7, provides for a portion of the automobile license taxes to be used to maintain the state roads.

If this Amendment should fail it will be necessary for the legislature to make a direct property tax levy to raise the required funds to maintain the highways, including roads and bridges.

If the legislature should fail to make the necessary levy then there would be no available funds to maintain the roads, and as a result, the roads would wear out, become in bad conditions, some of them impassable, and the Federal government would withhold further aid to the State of Missouri.

With so much depending on the adoption of Amendment No. 3, it is urged that every voter give particular attention to this matter and scratch the word "no" and thereby vote "yes."

People have a habit of voting against all Constitutional Amendments. It is hoped that this habit will not cause the defeat of No. 3.

PROMINENT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HAPPILY MARRIED

Harry K. West, Marcelline attorney, and Miss Ruth White, daughter of B. L. White and wife, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, 327 West Howell street, and was performed by the M. E. minister, Rev. Harvey J. Bane. The ring ceremony was used, the couple standing in a corner of the room which was banked with ferns and palms. The bride's dress was an orchid crepe beautifully beaded, with a corsage bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley.

The guests were Mrs. Lena West of Linneus, mother of the groom, F. J. Redman and wife of Elvira, sister of the groom, Henry West of Brookfield, Avery Welcott and family of Kansas City, W. B. White and wife, Mrs. Richard Asbury, Mrs. E. W. Taylor, Mrs. Sig Steiner, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Mrs. J. A. Nickell, and Mrs. Elmer Love of Marshall.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Chelsea Parks Love, of Marshall, the selection being Mendelssohn of course. Mrs. Elizabeth Reed sang "At Dawning."

The young couple left on No. 9 for a short trip to Kansas City, and on their return will be at home at the White residence. Their friends extend hearty congratulations.—Marcelline Herald.

350 I. W. W.'S ARE JAILED IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., October 25.—City and county jails here were crowded today with alleged members of the I. W. W. taken last night in one of the largest raids ever conducted in Portland.

More than 350 alleged reds occupied every corridor and cell and a force of 100 special officers were scattered through the city and surrounding country searching freight and passenger trains for other members of the organization reported en route here.

The recent strike of the Marine Transport and Industrial Workers' Union, which threatened to tie up Portland docks in a strike similar to that of last spring was said by county and city authorities to have been the cause for gathering here.

FOUR BIG RAILWAYS PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE

New York, Oct. 25.—Executives of three of the nation's leading railroads having a combined capital of \$1,700,000,000, and aggregate trackage of 34,000 miles, discussed merger here today.

The carriers which may combine are the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. It was stated in railroad circles that the negotiations have reached such a stage that the railroad presidents plan to call representatives of J. P. Morgan & Co., of the banking firm, into conference. It is the belief of Wall Street, however, that such a merger could not be consummated in less than a year.

Persistent reports that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul would enter the combine could not be confirmed.

TEN YEARS FOR A SLAYER

Brookfield, Mo.—C. O. Hurst, who confessed he killed Ted Singleton July 23, was sentenced last night to ten years in the penitentiary. The case went to the jury late yesterday.

The body of Singleton was found in a pasture one mile south of this city with three bullet wounds in his head. Hurst had been attentive to Singleton's wife.

Those that write him to the Courier